

Remarks

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application following entry of this Amendment. Claims 11 is amended with a punctuation mark, as requested by the Office Action, and not for the purpose of changing the scope of the claims. Claims 1 and 10 are the only independent claims pending.

Each of the Examiner's objections or rejections is addressed below in the order they were presented in the Office Action.

Rejection Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of a printed publication, Chakraborty, Tapan J. and Chiang, Chen-Huan, "A Novel Fault Injection Method for System Verification Based on FPGA Boundary Scan Architecture," ITC INTERNATIONAL TEST CONFERENCE, Paper 32.1, Pages 923-929, October 2002.

It is noted that 35 USC 102(e) qualifies a U.S. patent to be prior art as of its filing date, or, alternatively, as of a filing date of a parent PCT application published in English and designating the U.S. Accordingly, 35 USC 102(e) does not pertain to qualifying a printed publication as being prior art. Relief from a final rejection, is respectfully requested, should the second office action reject the claims in view of statutory-qualified prior art.

The printed publication identifies the authors, Tapan J. Chakraborty and Chen-Huan Chiang. The named inventors of the present application are Tapan J. Chakraborty and Chen-Huan Chiang. The authors of the publication, and the applicants of the present application are the same. Thus, there is no evidence that the printed publication discloses an invention of another. Although the Office Action suggests the filing of an affidavit under 37 CFR 1.131, such an affidavit is unnecessary, since there is no evidence that the cited publication discloses an invention of another.

Claim Objection to claim 11, that a punctuation mark “;” should be replaced by a punctuation mark ---:---.

The claim is amended herein with a corrected punctuation mark, as required by the Office Action.

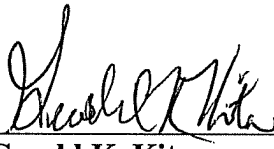
Summary

In view of the amendment and Remarks supporting patentability of the claims, allowance is requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to request assistance in advancing the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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